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SUBJECT: IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND INFCE

1. MISOFFS MET WITH IAEA OVERALL INFCE COORDINATOR
SKJOELDEBRAND AND IAEA DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS/INFCE
COORDINATOR BUECHLER TO DISCUSS THEIR PERCEPTION OF IAEA
SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT ROLE IN INFCE WORKING GROUPS.

2. TO DATE ONLY SAFEGUARDS-RELATED WORK INITIATED IN
INFCE IS IN WG-1, SUB-GROUP E (HEAVY WATER), FOR WHICH
IAEA IS PREPARING STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING HEAVY WATER
AND HEAVY WATER FACILITIES. SKJOELDEBRAND/BUECHLER VIEW
IS BASICALLY THAT IAEA STAFF PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT RPT
NOT INITIATE ANY CONSIDERATION OF SAFEGUARDS ISSUES AT
WG MEETINGS, BUT RATHER RESPOND IF AND WHEN SUBJECT IS
RAISED BY OTHER WG PARTICIPANTS. MISOFFS URGED
SKJOELDEBRAND/BUECHLER TO TRY TO ANTICIPATE WG NEEDS IN
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SAFEGUARDS AREA, BOTH IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED WHEN
ANTICIPATED ISSUES ARE RAISED AND TASKS ASSIGNED, AS WELL
AS TO BE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE DIRECTION OF INFCE
SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION EVALUATION AND TO ASSURE
UNIFORM APPROACH FOR VARIOUS WG'S.

3. BUECHLER SAID THAT WHILE AGENCY WOULD DO ITS BEST TO

SATISFY INFCE SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS, HE WAS CONCERNED THAT SINCE IAEA SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES ARE NOT RPT NOT YET QUANTIFIED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE A QUANTIFIED EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF SAFEGUARDS FEATURES OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNICAL APPROACHES. HE THOUGHT THAT QUALITATIVE EVALUATION WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY SUBJECTIVE AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE LITTLE VALUE CONSIDERING WIDE RANGE OF VARIABLES INVOLVED. WHEN AND IF SAGSI OR SOME OTHER GROUP COMES UP WITH CLEAR QUANTIFIED IAEA SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES, THIS SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE.

4. BUECHLER ALSO OF VIEW THAT INFCE EVALUATION OF RELATIVE NON-PROLIFERATION RISK (AS OPPOSED TO SAFE-GUARDABILITY) ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES WOULD INEVITABLY PROVE MORE POLITICAL THAN TECHNICAL, AND HE IS RELUCTANT FOR AGENCY TO BE INVOLVED. HE DECLARED THIS TO BE MINORITY VIEW WITHIN AGENCY.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS, COMPOSITION AND WORK OF U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT GROUP FOR INFCE. THAT GROUP MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PARAS 3-4 ABOVE AND SUGGEST SPECIFIC PREPARATORY WORK FOR IAEA IN AREA OF INFCE SAFEGUARDS. LABOWITZ

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